

# KARNES COUNTY

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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

Please enter my comments in the records of the Federal Communications Commission as it relates to Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding use of auctions to dispose of pending contested applications before you.

One such case is application for license to operate FM276C2 in Karnes City, Texas. I am very concerned. I believe that licensing of FM276C2 in Karnes City, Texas should be decided by comparative hearing rather than by auction. I believe that auction will disadvantage the most qualified broadcaster of the three applicants for Karnes City FM276C2.

Radio KAML is our stand-a-lone 250 watt AM. Karnes Broadcasting, applicant for Karnes City FM276C2, and KAML-AM are one and the same. Karnes Broadcasting originated the allocation of FM276C2 to Karnes City, Texas to overcome significant interference on 990AM from XET in Mexico.

Radio KAML has been an outstanding asset to our rural communities. Auction of FM276C2 may be indefensible by Karnes Broadcasting as a small local entrepreneurial business. In comparative hearing, Karnes Broadcasting will prove to be the more qualified to provide public and community service broadcasting to Karnes and surrounding counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alfred Pawelek". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Alfred Pawelek  
County Judge of Karnes, State of Texas

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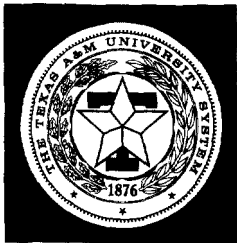
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Radio KAML has been an outstanding asset to our rural communities. KAML has allowed us to broadcast, at no charge, information concerning family and consumer sciences and agriculture to the listening audience of Karnes County and the surrounding area. Auction of FM276C2 may be indefensible by Karnes Broadcasting as a small local entrepreneurial business. In comparative hearing, Karnes Broadcasting will prove to be the more qualified to provide public and community service broadcasting to Karnes and surrounding counties.

Sincerely,

Dennis Hale  
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Karnes County

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One such application in question includes that of our local AM station which has made application for the local, available FM frequency, as well, FM276C2 in Karnes City, Texas. Even though newspapers customarily compete with radio for advertising dollars, we are concerned that the licensing of FM276C2 could be determined by auction to the highest bidder, when we believe a comparative hearing would be more fair to the parties who have applied and, perhaps more importantly, to the listeners to be served by the new FM276C2 in Karnes City.

We believe the selection by auction gives unfair advantage to large, conglomerate operations which have little or no concern for the communities in which they purchase radio stations.

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To, then, approve the licensing of FM276C2 to the highest bidder among the applicants rather than the existing AM station which has a history of service to the communities in this area of South Texas, we believe, is a disservice to the communities to be served by the new FM station.

In comparative hearing, Karnes Broadcasting will prove to be the more qualified to provide public and community service broadcasting to Karnes and surrounding counties.

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